

# Senior Corps Update

## May 2000 Edition



*An update of activities and information published monthly (except for January/February which are combined as one edition) by the National Senior Service Corps for the Senior Corps network and interested National Service colleagues*

*The National Senior Service Corps is part of the Corporation for National Service's network of programs which also includes AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America*

**National Senior Service Corps  
Tom Endres, Director**

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### ***A Message from the Director: The FY 2001 Budget Request and Making Smart Investments Now***

Senior Corps Director  
**Tom Endres**  
on the administrative  
increases in the FY 2001  
budget request.

A **permanent** funding increase for existing Corporation funded Senior Corps projects and a one time award to non-Corporation funded projects-- **without competition** and **without a requirement to add more volunteers**. What's the catch? There isn't any.

Just such an increase in just such a manner, is proposed in the Senior Corps' FY 2001 budget request.

We are part of a changing, fast moving, and evolving world that relies more and more on technology and tech-skills, every day, to work smarter, more efficiently, and with higher quality outcomes.

In FY 2001, the budget request acts on this need by asking for administrative dollars to help existing projects to afford desperately needed tools and other administrative expenses. Each Senior Corps project would receive an amount for hardware and software, which would be added to their base funding. These funds would be dedicated to technology tools and skills building. Once projects meet proscribed hardware and software standards, the funds could be used for other administrative purposes such as salaries

The most important factor in determining how to make the most of limited federal funds is the capacity and ability of existing projects to maintain the current scope and levels of activities in ways that assure quality outcomes for the community and the volunteers. This "maintenance of effort" takes priority over requiring current grantees to add even more volunteers through Programs of National Significance (PNS).

### *Why this is a smart and timely investment*

- A technology investment will provide projects with the amount necessary to upgrade communications and reporting systems and maintain the previous year's number of projects and volunteers.
  
- A technology investment will provide projects with the tools needed to help streamline operations and better equip project staff to meet the new requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) and Programming for Impact.
  
- A technology investment will provide projects with the capacity to meet the requirements of emerging on-line payment and grant systems.
  
- A technology investment is an acknowledgement of the unprecedented role that technology plays in all aspects of program development and management.

The investment in technology is an immediate and effective solution to the longstanding issues of lack of administrative resources and management saturation.

#### ***The statutory provisions that address PNS and Administrative Cost Increases***

The statutory provision addressing PNS [225(d) of the DVSA] provides that not less than one-third of the funds appropriated, above the amount necessary to maintain the previous year's number of projects and volunteers, shall be made available to existing projects for PNS grant augmentations. **Additionally, the provision states that no funds are available for PNS grants unless the amount appropriated are sufficient to maintain the number of projects and volunteers funded in the preceding fiscal year.**

The administrative cost increase provision [Section 226] requires the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation to consider the impact of the changes in the cost of living on the administrative costs of projects and "to the fullest extent practicable" to make appropriate adjustment to ensure effective administration of projects.

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***Senior Corps Conference  
Countdown:  
6 weeks to Orlando!!***



***Session Selection Is Nearly Complete!***

- ❖ The majority of Session Selection forms, which were due to Senior Corps by April 17, 2000, have been received from project directors. Good news! Almost all project directors will be able to attend their first choice in all workshops and networking sessions or, for a few, their second choices. If there are any special conditions or session changes, other than your first or second choices, Conference staff will contact you directly by telephone or e-mail in the very near future. Please do not call the conference staff for an overview of your sessions or personal itinerary at this time.
- ❖ If you have not yet registered for your sessions, please do so immediately. Session selection materials are available on the web at [www.seniorcorps.org](http://www.seniorcorps.org)
- ❖ Completed forms can be faxed to 202-565-2743 or emailed to [NSSC2000Conference@cns.gov](mailto:NSSC2000Conference@cns.gov).

***Last Call for Tables in the Materials Display Room --*** Starting on the evening of Wednesday, June 21, 2000, and continuing through Friday, June 23, 2000, tables will be available for resource materials that Project Directors would like to share with all conference attendees. **It will not be possible to sell materials or items at the conference, however order forms of items may be distributed.**

If your group or project is interested in having a table to display project materials, please fax or e-mail the following information to Jennifer Dean at 202-565-2743 or [NSSC2000Conference@cns.gov](mailto:NSSC2000Conference@cns.gov) by **May 20, 2000**:

- Contact person, phone number, e-mail address, fax number and mailing address
- Project name and sponsor name
- Estimated space needed for materials (choose between the following)
  - ✓ One 10 foot rectangular table
  - ✓ Two 10 foot rectangular tables
  - ✓ Power source or other needs (equipment such as computers are not provided)

Also, we will have some tables in the materials room devoted to "materials swap." Project Directors are welcome to bring sample brochures and information developed and used by their projects to share with other Directors.

***About New Project Director Training*** – On Friday, June 23, 2000, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, there will be a special session for new project directors.

## LIST OF RECEPTIONS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

### Receptions

#### **Senior Corps Conference 200 Welcome Reception**

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 21, 6-7:30 PM

Venue: Poolside

Contact: Senior Corps Conference Information  
202-606-5000, extension 190

#### **National Association of Foster Grandparent Program Directors Reception**

Date & Time: Thursday June 22, 6-8 PM

Venue: Royal Ballroom

Contact: Jane Watkins (407) 298-4180  
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#### **National Association of Senior Companion Project Directors Reception**

(Membership Meeting immediately following)

Date & Time: Thursday June 22, 6-7:30 PM

Venue: Canary Ballroom

Contact: Dick Tate 208-664-8544  
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### Special Meetings

#### **National Association of RSVP Project Directors Meeting**

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 21, 4-5:30 PM

Venue: Crystal J Ballroom

Contact: Maggie Harrod 316-431-3902  
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#### **National Association of RSVP Project Directors Board Meeting**

Date & Time: Monday-Wednesday, June 19-21, 8 AM-10 PM

Venue: Emerald 454

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#### **Commission Executive Directors Meeting/Pacific Cluster**

Date & Time: Thursday, June 22 8AM-5PM & Friday, June 23 8AM-noon

Venue: Boardroom 1

Contact: Susan Schechter 202-606-5000 x461

#### **Florida Association of Senior Service Corps Directors, Inc. Breakfast Meeting**

Date & Time: Thursday, June 22 7AM-8AM

Venue: Grand VI

Contact: Dan Finbaum: 940-253-4700 x206

#### **CA State National Senior Service Corps Directors Meeting**

Date & Time: Thursday June 22, 6-8 PM

Venue: Crystal G

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*Note to groups and contact people in charge of Receptions and Special Meetings --* This list is updated as new information is received. Please review the information about your event, and if any information that you provided is incorrect, please contact the Conference Information Line and we will update your information for the conference program.

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### ***Reminder About Hotel Accommodations***

- If you are planning to attend the National Community Service Conference, June 24-28, 2000, please tell the hotel operators at the Marriott World Center that you are attending both conferences.
- Housing registration forms for the June 22-23 Conference at the Marriott Orlando World Center were sent to all Project Directors. The forms are postage paid and addressed to the hotel.
- The hotel room registration forms are due to the Marriott by **May 22, 2000**. Any questions regarding the Hotel or the Housing form can be made directly to the hotel. (800-621- 0638).
- If you are sharing a sleeping room with another Senior Corps project director, please inform the hotel on your mail-in card or by telephone.

**Questions?  
Senior Corps  
Conference Information  
Line:  
202.606.5000  
extension 190  
or e-mail:**

**NSSC2000Conference@cns.gov**

### ***Conference Registration:***

- All Senior Corps project directors should be registered to attend Conference 2000 at this time. Conference Registration Forms were mailed to Senior Corps project directors in January. If you have not done so already, please complete all sections of the form and return to the address listed in the instructions.
- Schedule reminder: The Senior Corps Conference will officially begin with the 8:30 AM Opening Plenary on Thursday June 22nd and will end at 9:00 PM Friday, June 23, after the dinner.
- The information line for the National and Community Service Conference, co-sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National Service and America's Promise is: **202-729-8101**. There is also information available online at [www.pointsoflight.org](http://www.pointsoflight.org)

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## ***Other Senior Corps News and Updates:***

***New Senior Companion Projects --*** The availability of funds for five new Senior Companion Projects nationwide appeared in the Federal register on April 24, 2000. The Corporation is in the process of conducting a nationwide competition for these five projects. The new projects must be started in geographic areas that do not fall within approved service areas of current Senior Companion Projects. Individual grant awards will be approximately \$200,000 to cover the costs of 45 Senior Companions for twelve Public agencies (including state and local agencies and other units of government), non-profit organizations, institutions of higher education and Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. Sponsors of Senior Companion Projects that receive no funds from the Corporation, other than funding for Programs of National Significance (PNS), are eligible to apply. Current sponsors of Senior Companion Projects funded by the Corporation are not eligible to apply. However, an organization described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4)) that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible to apply, serve as a host site for volunteers, or act in any type of supervisory role in the program.

Eligible agencies who are interested in applying can receive an application package by contacting a Corporation State Office. Applications are due to the Corporation on July 14, 2000. The announcement that appeared in the Federal Register is included as an attachment. The announcement can also be accessed directly from the Federal Register archive by selecting the following URL:

[http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2000\\_register&docid=00-10070-filed](http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2000_register&docid=00-10070-filed)

## ***News from Congressional Affairs – Appropriations and Reauthorization***

### ***Appropriations***

Both VA-HUD appropriations subcommittee hearings have been completed. The House held their hearing on Tuesday, February 29, 2000 and the Senate hearing was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2000. Currently we are working with the Senate subcommittee reviewing the testimony and answering additional questions for the record. The VA-HUD bill funds most of AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America.

The Labor-HHS-Education appropriations subcommittee hearing was held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and the Senate does not traditionally hold a hearing. The testimony has been reviewed and additional questions have been answered for the record. Labor-HHS subcommittee markups are expected in the next two weeks. The Labor-HHS bill funds AmeriCorps\*VISTA and the Senior Corps.

### ***Reauthorization***

The *National and Community Service Amendments Act* has over 80 cosponsors in the House and is having success with achieving bipartisan support in the Senate as well. Republican cosponsors

in the Senate now include Senators Specter (PA), DeWine (OH), Gordon Smith (OR), Chafee (RI), Jeffords (VT), Collins (ME), and Burns (MT). We are working to assist Members of Congress in preparing Dear Colleague letters, which inform Congressional members of the Corporation's many accomplishments, distributed every week.

Supporters of service on Capitol Hill are currently strategizing on the introduction date of the *National and Community Service Amendments Act*. Meetings are continuing with Members of Congress to educate them about our programs and invite them to conduct site visits.

***National RSVP Task Group Progress --*** The National RSVP Task Group officially started its work on March 16, 2000. It was formed to make recommendations aimed at solving critical issues identified in the Westat Descriptive Study of RSVP conducted in 1996 and clarified by the cluster focus group meetings that followed the study in 1998.

Issue-focused Work Groups are beginning to develop practical recommendations to ensure RSVP's continuing success, operational efficiency, and effectiveness for submission to the Corporation's leadership. For example, the **Management Saturation Group** has been considering the advantages of a simplified grants process that would free projects of many administrative burdens, while holding grantees accountable for project results. The **Identity Crisis Group** has been considering how RSVP can be identified to the public and volunteers in ways that are attractive to the wave of baby boomers reaching 55, including a potential new name for the program. The **Inadequate Resources Group** has focused, among other things, on how fundraising approaches, techniques, and successes can be more systematically shared. The **Mission Clarification Group** is examining the values, beliefs, and principles that underpin RSVP, with a view to coming up with a mission statement and a vision to guide RSVP into the future. Here is the contact information for the members of each of the work groups. Please share with them your thoughts and ideas related to these issues.

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## ***Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA): Fiscal 1999 Performance Report***

The Corporation submitted its first annual performance report on fiscal 1999 to Congress March 31, 2000. The report covers each of the Corporation's three program areas - AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve America, and the National Senior Service Corps.

Each of the four divisions of the Senior Corps - RSVP, SCP, FGP, and Senior Demos -- is covered in detail in its own chapter. Each chapter opens with a graphic summary of the performance results of the program for 1999. Accomplishment data, customer satisfaction, and program outcomes established by independent program evaluations are all discussed for every program.

An important feature of the document is the reports on how well the programs did in meeting the goals set in the 1999 performance plan submitted to Congress two years ago. In all, the Senior Corps programs were measured on 11 performance goals and successfully met every goal.

In sum, the 1999 performance report is a powerful demonstration of the value of Senior Corps programming. The entire report may be accessed on the Corporation's web site at [www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org).

***New Project Director Handbooks Status*** -- Handbooks for all three Senior Corps programs are being printed and will be mailed to all project directors during June. Senior Corps wishes to express its thanks to the members of the handbook committee and the dozens of project directors who provided useful comments on the drafts.

### **HANDBOOK COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **PROJECT DIRECTOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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***Senior Corps Policy Corner***

Senior Corps Headquarters is asked periodically, to interpret or clarify certain provisions of program policy and regulations. We use the ***Policy Corner*** to share them with you in a Question and Answer format. If Corporation State Offices have questions on the responses given, please contact **John Keller at (202) 606-5000, ext. 285**. Projects with questions regarding any policy or regulatory requirement should always contact their Corporation State Office for assistance.

***May Policy Corner Issue:***  
***Clarifying taxability of mileage reimbursements for Senior Corps volunteers:***

**Mileage reimbursements are not taxable** for any Senior Corps program. The Law, Title IV of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act at 42 U.S.C. § 5058 is very clear on this subject, and the language is incorporated in the specific Program Regulations.

Sections of the Program Regulations for the Senior Companion Program (§2251.46), the Foster Grandparent Program (§2252.46), and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (§2553.44) state:

***Volunteers' "cost reimbursements are not subject to any tax or charge and are not treated as wages or compensation for the purposes of unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, temporary disability, retirement, public assistance, or similar benefit payments or minimum wage laws. Cost reimbursements are not subject to garnishment, do not reduce or eliminate the level of or eligibility for assistance or services a volunteer may be receiving under any governmental program".***

In summary, the law is clear that payments for supportive services or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to persons serving as volunteers in these programs are not subject to any tax. This includes mileage reimbursements.

***Seniors for Habitat Networking Meeting*** -- On April 18-19<sup>th</sup>, representatives from eight RSVP and Habitat for Humanity affiliates met in Mankato, Minnesota to share effective practices, gain a better understanding of volunteer and staff roles, and develop a peer support network. Effective practice presentations focused on volunteer topics such as volunteer utilization, recruitment, retention, recognition, orientation and training.

As part of the Seniors for Habitat project, Habitat for Humanity will compile these best practices, along with additional lessons learned from the field, into a manual that will be distributed to all RSVP and Habitat affiliates interested in establishing similar projects.

Participants were pleased to have the opportunity to interact with and learn from other affiliates and left the meeting energized with new ideas and strategies for volunteer and program management.

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## ***Technology Spotlight***

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***Sign up for NSSCTALK*** – Join the list serv and gain access to the latest news first! Also, find lively discussions, questions and answers from peers, and good ideas for success.

Subscribers may easily control their subscription settings either by sending traditional email commands or through a Web interface, both of which were outlined in a welcome message.

**Angela Roberts** with the Senior Corps remains the Corporation's liaison for the list serv.

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***About Computer Viruses and threats to your computer and data*** – There are several different types of computer viruses, all of which present some level of danger to your computer data and your computer security. This week's worldwide outbreak of the malicious "LoveLetter" virus is the most recent example ("LoveLetter" is a particularly malicious macro-virus in the group known as "Worms" that infiltrate systems, clone important files used by your IBM PC or PC compatible computer, and destroy your data).

What is an important rule of thumb? First, **never** take your guard down when dealing with e-mail and their attachments. Unless you know what the attachment is, verify what it is with the sender **before** opening it. What about an e-mail from someone you know, but that was forwarded to them before it came to you? Treat it with suspicion, as there could be a virus associated.

Many times there are variants of viruses and copycat viruses. There have been published reports of variants of the LoveLetter virus, including: "Joke" or "joke", "Very Funny" or "very funny", "Mother's Day" or "mothersday."

What should you do with a suspicious email and its attachment? Here is the general checklist:

1. Do not open it! Delete it without reading it and then empty your recycle bin, or the contents of your delete message folder.
2. Do not forward it! The only exception might be to your network or systems administrators, who may want to examine it in a way that will not threaten the computer users' data. If so, they will provide you with instructions.
3. Another general security measure that you can introduce is to install and regularly update virus scanning software, such as Norton AntiVirus or MacAfee AntiVirus.

Do you have other questions about computer viruses or computer security? Please e-mail questions to Angela Roberts: [aroberts@cns.gov](mailto:aroberts@cns.gov) , and questions will be addressed in future editions of the Senior Corps Update.

***Seniors using computers to serve others in the community: Your examples needed!***

Does your Senior Corps project have volunteers using technology as a key part of their service? Examples might be: training other seniors in community learning labs, helping to hook up schools and isolated adults to the Internet, serving children in schools using technology tools. If so, please e-mail your examples to Angela Roberts, Senior Corps, at [aroberts@cns.gov](mailto:aroberts@cns.gov)

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***T?TA Talk*** -- Margie Legowski of the Corporation's Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) staff just returned from the International Reading Association Meeting and offers the following hot tips and resources.

**What's New in Reading Research**

A new report entitled *Report of the National Reading Panel: Teaching Children to Read, An Evidence-Based Assessment of the Scientific Research Literature on Reading and Its Implications for Reading Instruction* was released by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).

NICHD and the Department of Education's National Reading Panel analyzed hundreds of reading research studies in five topic areas

related to classroom instruction. It's important to that this is as much a study of research studies as it is a report about reading instruction. "No evidence" does not necessarily mean that a particular instructional strategy is ineffective. "No evidence" generally means that more -- or better -- research is needed.

Where can you get these reports? *Preventing Reading Difficulties* can be downloaded from <<http://www.nas.edu>> and *The Report of the National Reading Panel* can be downloaded from <<http://www.nichd.nih.gov/>>

And, finally, for more "hands on" information related to reading research, check out the web site for the Center for the Improvement of Early Reading Achievement at [www.ciera.org](http://www.ciera.org). CIERA

is a collaboration of the University of Michigan, University of Virginia (Book Buddies fans, note!) and Michigan State University with other supporting institutions.

### **What's New for Summer Reading?**

The Department of Education's popular Read\*Write\*Now activity poster is almost ready to go out. One side of the poster is “Arthur”, a popular children’s books character. The other side has simple and fun reading activities that kids can do alone or with others. The posters are free and, yes, you can order one per child. Advance orders are now being taken by ED PUBS (1-877-433-7827). Pizza Hut coupons will accompany the first 1.5 million posters shipped.

### **Are You Looking for More Tutors?**

If so, an important change in college Federal Work Study (FWS) regulations may help you. Starting July 1, 2000, all institutions of higher education that receive Federal Work Study money will have to use 7% of their funds to pay students who are doing community service. In addition, these institutions will need to have at least one or more FWS students working as reading tutors in either a preschool or elementary-age tutoring program or a family literacy project. Contact the Federal Work Study Office of your local higher education institution to find out if they are looking for placement sites for community service or tutoring. For additional information on FWS and America Reads, check out the Department of Education web site at [www.americareads.ed.gov](http://www.americareads.ed.gov)

If you have comments on the above or would like to suggest other resources, please contact Margie at [mlegowsk@cns.gov](mailto:mlegowsk@cns.gov). And, as always, happy reading!

### ***Funding Successes for Senior Corps Projects***

**Ohio** – RSVP of Greater Cleveland, Inc. was awarded a grant of **\$44,549** from the Cleveland Foundation. The money will be used to continue and expand the tutoring program at two inner city schools. These schools will be added to the sites served by the Seniors for Schools project.

**Oregon** – Metropolitan Family Service, a Portland-based sponsor of FGP, SCP and the Experience Corps, recently completed one of the largest fundraising events in the United States: the “16<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Wines Auction.” During the evening, a bid of \$50,000 was successful in securing dinner for eight with California winemaker Robert Mondavi. In total, the auction raised **\$1,112,000** for the programs of this small, local sponsor. Senior Corps programs were prominently mentioned in the publicity for the event.

**Wyoming** – The Wyoming legislature approved **\$320,000** for the biennium, July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002, to expand the Senior Companion Program into eight additional counties. With these additional funds, all counties in the state will receive SCP services. Additionally, the Wyoming Division on Aging increased state funds to SCP from \$35,000 to \$55,000 for the period of July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2001. This brings the total annual state support to **\$215,000**.

***Total Non-Corporation Funding Reported This Month: \$1,476,549***

***Kudos to Senior Corps Colleagues and Volunteers Recognized for Excellence!***

**Minnesota** – Arrowhead RSVP reported that both people named as “Outstanding Seniors” for Northern St. Louis County are RSVP volunteers. Congratulations to RSVP volunteers **Charlotte Hockin** and **Tony Pahula** for this honor, which recognizes their extensive volunteer service and advocacy for seniors in the area.

**South Carolina** – Chester County Senior Services SCP volunteer **Rose Green** was recently presented with an award as the South Carolina’s “Direct Service Volunteer of the Year”. Ms Green has served as a Senior Companion for eleven years. She received her award during the Governor’s Award Ceremony.

**Texas** – RSVP volunteer **Lera Mae Dickey**, serving through the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission RSVP, won the local Jefferson Award and is a finalist for the national ceremony. She volunteers with at the Red Cross, where she helps to teach swimming, tutors children in elementary school and Head Start, and visits five children for the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program (CASA).

**Wisconsin** – RSVP of Outagamie County has reason to be particularly proud of 2 of its 140 stellar volunteers. RSVP volunteer tutor **Marge Sheibel** was selected for the Volunteer Educator of the Year Award. Fellow RSVP volunteer **Tony Guckenberger**, was selected for the Volunteer of the Year award. RSVP receives \$5,000 as the nominating agency.

***National Senior Service Corps --- Getting Things Done***

**California** – The lack of police officers in Grass Valley was a growing concern among the area’s senior population. In 1995, local law enforcement approached the **Nevada County RSVP** for help in developing and supporting a Senior Volunteer Safety Patrol Program. To date, 40 RSVP volunteers participate, after first passing initial screening and intensive background checks. Each volunteer completed a sixty to eighty hour police training academy that included police science, CPR and first aid, traffic management, and crowd control methods. The RSVP volunteers patrol neighborhoods, and alert law enforcement to potential public or human safety problems.

**Nevada** – **Nevada Rural Counties RSVP** reported that over the past year, 230 RSVP Home Companion Volunteers served more than 380 clients on a regular basis. The RSVP volunteers provide in-home support and assistance to help adult neighbors in need remain in the community and in their own homes.

## ***Resources***

***Learn More About Senior Corps Project Activities*** -- Corporation staff, Senior Corps project directors and other interested parties can receive upon request copies of issue lists -- information about what Senior Corps projects are doing in a particular service area, organized alphabetically by state. These lists are considered ongoing works-in-progress and are not necessarily comprehensive. They include information about projects gleaned from state office's weekly reports and from projects themselves. Issue lists that are currently available include:

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| 1. America Reads         | 7. Public Safety               | 13. Respite for Caregivers |
| 2. Community Development | 8. Mentoring                   | 14. Housing/Homelessness   |
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To receive copies of any list, please contact **Gloria Godwin**, (202) 606-5000 extension 189 or e-mail [ggodwin@cns.gov](mailto:ggodwin@cns.gov)

***Funding and Resource Development Resources: Funding Across the Ages: A Tool Kit.*** This concise, user-friendly 38-page booklet from Grantmakers in Aging (GIA) is designed to help grantmakers understand aging trends and the opportunities created and will also be useful to grant seekers in developing proposals. Chapters include an overview of aging trends; concepts, steps, and resources for developing a grantmaking relationship; specific program areas: Intergenerational Programs, Education, Neighborhood Involvement, and Health; and resource information and materials. Relevant information may be freely copied. GIA is an educational nonprofit membership organization for staff and trustees of foundations and corporations concerned with aging. For information contact GIA, P.O. Box 5534, New York, NY 10185-5534, Tel: 212-877-2050.

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